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SUBJ: FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS

DIRECTORS (CNAD) HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON AIRBORNE EARLY

WARNING IN BRUSSELS, 9 APRIL 1976

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE CNAD HIGH LEVEL

GROUP (HLG) ON NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING (AEW) WAS HELD AT

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NATO HEADQUARTERS ON 9 APR 76. THE HLG REACHED NO AGREEMENT ON  
THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER (STC) TEST OF JOINT TACTICAL INFO-  
RMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (JTIDS) AND MULTIPLE ACCESS  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (MACS). THE GROUP REVIEWED ITS DRAFT

REPORT TO THE CNAD AND AGREED UPON SEVERAL REVISIONS. THE NATO AEW PROGRAMME OFFICE (NAPO) WILL INCORPORATE THE CHANGES SO THAT THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CNAD MEETING. THE FRG AND UK REPRESENTATIVES MADE NO COMMITMENTS TO PREPARATORY PHASE ACTIVITIES OR TO THE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (SOU). THE NAPO WILL REVISE THE SOU IN LIGHT OF HLG DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. PROPOSAL FOR STC LABORATORY TESTING OF ECM RESISTANT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (ERCS). THE FRG HAD RECEIVED, BUT NOT YET ANALYZED, THE US JTIDS SPO'S ANSWERS TO FRG QUESTIONS ON THE SYSTEM. HOWEVER, THE US HAD NOT RECEIVED THE PROMISED GERMAN TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF MACS AND THEREFORE COULD NOT YET AGREE TO THE PROPOSED TEST PLAN. MOD BONN IS WILLING TO PROCURE A SECOND MACS EQUIPMENT FOR THIS TEST AND FINANCE THE COST OF STC'S TEST EQUIPMENT (35K) IF THE US CAN MAKE JTIDS HARDWARE AVAILABLE. THE US REPRESENTATIVE DECLINED TO COMMIT TO DISRUPTION OF ITS CURRENT TEST PROGRAM UNTIL REVIEW OF MACS DATA, AND MAINTAINED THAT ACCORDING TO CURRENT AGREEMENTS, IF THE JTIDS INFORMATION PROVIDED IS SATISFACTORY TO THE FRG (AND US QUESTIONS ON MACS ARE RESOLVED) STC TESTING MAY NOT BE NEEDED. GERMANY HAD PROVIDED MACS DATA TO THE BOEING CO. ON 16 MAR 76, AND WILL INSURE IT IS RELEASED TO THE USG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE HLG DECIDED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF JTIDS - MACS TESTING AT THE NEXT MEETING IN MAY.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE HLG DRAFT REPORT TO CNAD. BASED ON HLG COMMENTS, THE NAPO WILL EDIT THE DRAFT REPORT AND ITS ANNEXES, AND COMPLETE THE FINAL DOCUMENT PACKAGE. HLG MEMBERS RAISED THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT.

A. THE SACEUR REP MADE THE POINT THAT THE 32 AIRCRAFT RECOMMENDED (27-29 OPERATIONALLY AVAILABLE) COULD MEET THE "MAJORITY OF THE MNC REQUIREMENTS."

B. FRG WANTS TO ESTABLISH A SPO TO MANAGE GROUND ENVIRONMENT INTERFACE (GEI) ACTIVITIES UNDER NAPO, MUCH AS THE US SPO WILL  
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MANAGE AWACS FOR NAPO. NOT ALL REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THAT ESTABLISHING A NEW ORGANIZATION WAS ACCEPTABLE, BUT THE HLG WILL ADDRESS NATO AEW MANAGEMENT FURTHER AFTER THE MINISTERIALS. GERMANY ALSO WANTS TO INSURE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB) FOR THE GEI. THE HLG ASSIGNED THE TASK OF INVESTIGATING WAYS TO INSURE SUFFICIENT COMPETITION AND PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS WHICH ARE COMPARABLE WITH THE PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE TO HLG SUB-GROUP 3. FYI: THESE CONCERNS ARE A MANIFESTATION OF THE FRG'S RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT HUGHES' (ALBEIT EUTRONIC) CONTINUING CONTROL OVER NADGE RELATED PROGRAMS. END FYI.

C. THE GROUP REQUESTED NAPO TO INSERT CLAUSES ADDRESSING NATIONAL OR COMBINED COMMON/NATIONAL OWNERSHIP OPTIONS AS WELL AS

THE PREFERRED COMMON NATO APPROACH.

D. THE GROUP AGREED THAT A CHARTER TO MAKE NAPO A NATO PROCUREMENT AND LOGISTICS ORGANIZATION (NPLO) SHOULD BE APPROVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER JUNE, ALTHOUGH THE CHARTER WOULD NOT BE FULLY ACTIVATED UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER.

E. THE HLG DELETED THE ANNEXES ON PROCUREMENT OF THE GROUND INTERFACE (F) AND PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT (G) FROM THE DOCUMENTATION TO CNAD, SINCE THESE AREAS ARE NOT YET AGREED.

F. BASICALLY, THE HLG WILL ASK CNAD TO RECOMMEND THAT MINISTERS CONSIDER A DECISION-IN-PRINCIPLE ON PROCUREMENT THIS JUNE, WITH FINAL DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN DECEMBER. OTHER JUNE DECISIONS THE HLG WILL RECOMMEND TO CNAD INCLUDE: (1) IDENTIFYING PARTICIPATING NATIONS AND A COST-SHARING APPROACH; (2) ENDORSING PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE \$15 MILLION PREPARATORY PHASE; AND (3) VESTING NAPO WITH SUFFICIENT CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH THE FUNDS PROVIDED.

G. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL DRAFT THE ACTUAL CNAD RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTERS.

3. PROGRESS OF SOU AND PRE-FINANCING PREPARATORY PHASE ACTIVITIES. NEITHER THE FRG NOR UK REPORENTIVES HAD FAVORABLE RESULTS TO REPORT CONCERNING FINANCIAL APPROVAL FOR THE PREPARATORY PHASE. THE UK HAD SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO THEIR MINISTER, BUT IT WAS NOT APPROVED PENDING BETTER DOCUMENTATION OF THE TIMELY NEED. GERMANY

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HAD DEFERRED ITS HEARING BEFORE THE DUNDESTAG UNTIL LATE APRIL, BUT REQUIRED THAT ACTIVITIES BE RESTRICTED TO PRECISELY DEFINED STUDIES AND R&D. THE US REPRESENTATIVE MAINTAINED THAT UNCERTAINTIES WITH REGARD TO US CONTINUATION OF PRODUCTION LONG-LEAD FUNDING AFTER SEPTEMBER 1976 REQUIRED INCORPORATION OF A LONG-LEAD OPTION, AND RECOMMENDED THAT ABOUT HALF THE \$15 MILLION BE USEABLE FOR LONG LEAD IF REQUIRED. US, FRG AND UK AGREED TO IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT R&D ACTIVITIES REQUIRING FUNDS BY JUNE, TO DEFINE OTHER ACTIVITIES AFTER THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS AND TO HAVE NAPO AMEND THE SOU.

4. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HLG WILL BE HELD AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON 12 MAY 1976. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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